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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1964

ST. NEOTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT:

for the year ending 31st December, 1964.

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the District for the year, 1964.

Vital Statistics

Population The rise in population continues with increasing momentum as further development takes place in the district. During the last 4 years the rise in population averaged 450 and during the last two years has reached almost 600.

The Area Comparability Factors for use with the crude birth and death rates contain adjustments for boundary changes and make allowances for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales as a whole. In addition, the death rate area comparability factors have been adjusted specifically to take account of the presence of any residential institutions in each area. When local crude birth and death rates are multiplied by the appropriate area comparability factor they are comparable with the crude rate for England and Wales or with the corresponding adjusted rates for any other area. In calculating the area comparability factors for 1964 the Registrar General has taken into account the population movement within the district which reveals an inward flow of a comparatively young population, the effect of which on the census-based comparability factors is to decrease the birth factor and increase the death factor.

The Birth Rate. The crude birth rate shows a fractional decrease over last year's figure despite the fact that the actual number of births credited to the district was increased. The corrected birth rate shows a considerable decrease this year due to the alteration in the birth comparability factory, but still continues to be well above the rate for England and Wales as a whole.

The Death Rate. The crude death rate continues to show a downward trend despite the rapidly rising population and now stands lower than it has ever done during the present decade.

The corrected death rate however, is higher than it was last year, due again to the alteration in the death comparability factor but stands, never-the-less, below the national figure. An examination of the facts reveals that half the deaths occurred in persons of 75 years or over and three quarters in persons over 65 years. 42% of deaths were due to disease of the cardio-vascular system and 20% to cancer.

Infant Mortality. Two deaths of infants occurred during the year, giving an infant mortality rate of 11.5 per 1,000 live births. This is almost half the national figure and is considerably less than the figure for last year.

Infectious Disease. 1964 was a year in which notifiable infectious disease ran at a fairly moderate level. The predominate illness was again measles which accounted for the majority of notifications.

Social Conditions

During the year only seventy-six Council houses, including four old people's bungalows, were completed. This low number was due to delays caused by the liquidation of a Company carrying out some of the construction contracts. One hundred and twenty private houses were completed during the same period. The delay referred to affected the re-housing of those in areas already represented for slum clearance, and the acute shortage of accommodation for old people was particularly felt in this connection. Accordingly, no further areas were declared for clearance during the year.

At the private abattoir, the continued employment of a full time meat inspector made possible the continuance of 100% inspection in accordance with the new Meat Inspection Regulations.

A number of repairs and improvements, including mechanical ventilation and screening at the points of slaughter were required and obtained as conditions of licensing. An extension to the abattoir to provide a cutting room and better rest-room facilities were made during the year.

On Ministry instructions following the Aberdeen typhoid outbreak, examination of stocks of corned beef in the town resulted in a small number of cans being withdrawn from stock for disposal.

Refuse disposal facilities at the Little Paxton tip became used to capacity by the end of the year but it was fortunately possible to negotiate to share the use of a tipping area at Buckden with several other authorities and it is hoped that these facilities may be available for up to thirty years.

Complaints were received during the summer months of unpleasant taste and odour in the water supplied to houses in a number of areas of the town. Chemical and bacteriological examinations showed satisfactory results, however, and the condition improved after flushing of the affected mains had been carried out. It was believed to have been due to a scouring action consequent upon increased demand.

In conclusion I should like to express my thanks to Mr. Ostler and all other members of the department's staff for the assistance they have given me, and for all the work they have done during the year despite the relatively small establishment to carry out the duties entailed.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

J. CALDWELL
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health:

J. Caldwell, L.R.C.P. & S (ED)., L.R.F.P. & S (GL)., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector:

R.A. Ostler. M.A.P.H.I.,M.R.S.H.

Meat Inspector Assistant (Authorised)

R. Anderson (Cert.of Meat R.S.A. - Scotland)

St.Neots Urban District

GENERAL STATISTICS

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area: 1,391 acres	St.Neots 996 acres	Eynesbury 395 acres
Estimated population	Mid: 1963 6,680	Mid: 1964 7,150

Private houses	2,090
Shops etc., with private houses attached.. ...	71

Rateable Value:

As at 31st December, 1964: £271,270

Product of a penny rate: £1,194

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Vital Statistics for the year 1964

Estimated mid year home population 7,150

Live Births	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	76	91	167
Illegitimate	3	4	7
TOTALS	79	95	174

Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population.....24.3
Birth rate corrected by comparability factor(.85) 20.7
Birth rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales)..... 18.4

Still Births			
Legitimate	-	3	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
TOTALS	-	3	3

Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births 16.9
Still birth rate per 1,000 total live and still births (England and Wales) 16.3

Deaths	22	37	59

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population.....8.3
Death rate corrected by comparability factor(1.18).....9.7
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population (England and Wales)..... 11.3

Infant Mortality - Deaths of infants under 1 year of age

Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	1	2

Infant mortality rate (Deaths of infants under 1 yr. per 1,000 live births)	11.5
Infant mortality rate (England and Wales)	20.0

Table classifying deaths under age groups

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 4 weeks	1	-	1
4 weeks and under 1 year	-	1	1
1 and under 5 years	-	-	-
5 and under 15 years	-	-	-
15 and under 25 years	-	-	-
25 and under 35 years	2	-	2
35 and under 45 years	1	-	1
45 and under 55 years	1	4	5
55 and under 65 years	2	3	5
65 and under 75 years	6	9	15
75 years and over	9	20	29
TOTALS	22	37	59

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Causes of Deaths

(Registrar General's List)

List No.	Cause	Male	Female
3	Syphilitic disease	-	1
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	2
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	3
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	4
18	Coronary disease, angina	3	6
20	Other heart disease	3	4
21	Other circulatory disease	1	2
22	Influenza	1	2
23	Pneumonia	-	2
24	Bronchitis	2	1
25	Other disease of respiratory system	-	1
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	2
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1
31	Congenital malformations	-	1
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	3
33	Motor vehicle accidents	-	1
34	All other accidents	1	-
	TOTAL ALL CAUSES	22	37

ST. NEOTS URBAN DISTRICT

The following table indicates the trend in population, birth and death rates for the District over the past 5 years:-

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
Population	5410	5720	5990	6680	7150
Live Births					
Total live births	97	100	122	165	174
Crude birth rate	17.9	17.5	20.4	24.9	24.3
Area comparability factor	1.0	.99	.99	.94	.85
Corrected birth rate	17.9	17.3	20.2	23.4	20.7
Birth rate (England and Wales)	17.1	17.4	18.0	18.2	18.4
Deaths					
Total deaths	60	49	59	60	59
Crude death rate	11.1	8.6	9.8	9.0	8.3
Area comparability factor	.93	.96	.98	1.0	1.18
Corrected death rate	10.5	8.2	9.7	9.0	9.7
Death rate (England and Wales)	11.5	12.0	11.9	12.2	11.3

Notifications of Infectious Disease during 1964

	Total cases notified
Scarlet fever	2
Whooping cough	11
Diphtheria	-
Measles	127
Acute pneumonia	7
Puerperal Pyrexia	7
Typhoid fever	-
Paratyphoid fever.	-
Erysipelas	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	-
Infective Hepatitis	-
Food Poisoning	5
Dysentery	-
TOTALS	153

Compared with 1963 some increase in the incidence of Notifiable Infectious disease is noted. This increase is due in the main to the fact that more than three times the number of cases of measles were reported this year as distinct from 1963 despite the fact that 1964 was not "a measles year".

The condition did not appear to bring many serious complications in its train locally and no deaths were attributable to it in this district during the year. Five cases of suspected food poisoning occurred in two families and necessitated the usual investigation. No food poisoning organisms were isolated from either the suspected articles of diet or the individuals concerned.

The more serious notifiable infections continue to be conspicuous by their absence. Diphtheria has been practically eliminated and poliomyelitis very substantially reduced all over the country and it is many years since either of these conditions was reported in this area.

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TUBERCULOSIS.

Total number on Register at 31st December, 1964 22

Pulmonary ... 18 Non-pulmonary 4

Age Period	New Cases - diagnosed				New cases - transfers			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0								
5								
10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15								
20	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
25	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
35	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-
45								
55								
65 & upwards								
TOTALS	-	2	-	-	1	2	1	-

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952, in connection with persons suffering from tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

St.Neots Urban District.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(a) Laboratory Facilities

The following Laboratory facilities have been available to this Authority and to General Practitioners in the area:-

Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge (Tel. Cambridge 55526).
Public Analyst, (S.Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc.,F.I.C.)., Tennison Road, Cambridge (tel. Cambridge 2097).

(b) Ambulance Service

Ambulances administered by the County Ambulance Service operating in conjunction with the County Fire Service, have been available on doctor's orders. (Tel. Huntingdon 348).

(c) Home Nursing

Two Nurse/Midwives living in St.Neots (Tel. St.Neots 215 and 725) employed and supervised by the Huntingdon County Council, carried out Home Nursing and attended Maternity Cases in the District.

(d) Clinic and Treatment Centres

(i) The following Health Services were provided by the Huntingdon County Council:-

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Minor Ailments	Schoolchildren	1st Thursday in month. 10.30 - 11.30.a.m.	The Clinic Almond Road, St. Neots.
Infant Welfare	Children (0 - 5 years)	Every Thursday 2 - 4 p.m.	- ditto -
Dental	Pre-school and schoolchildren pre-natal and nursing mothers	Every Tuesday and Thursday 9 - 12 noon. 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.	- ditto -

(ii) the following Health Services were provided by the Regional Hospital Board:-

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Chest	All ages	Every Thurs. 10 - 12 noon.	County Hospital Huntingdon.
Venereal Disease	All cases	Tues.3 - 6.30 Thurs.4 - 6.30	Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge
	Males	Mon. 4.30 - 6.30 Tues.5.30 - 7.00	Out-Patients Dept. Memorial Hospital Peterborough.
	Females and Children	Tues.10.30 - 12.30 Thurs.4.30 - 6.30	
Orthopaedic	pre-school and school-children	1st and 3rd Monday in each month (Sister) 10.0 a.m. - 12. noon.	The Clinic, Almond Road, St.Neots.

(iii) The following service is provided under the Supplementary Ophthalmic Scheme of the National Health Service:-

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Ophthalmic	Pre-school and schoolchildren	1st and 3rd Friday in each month 10.30 - 12 noon. 2 - 3 p.m. (by appointment except in emergency)	Health Clinic Nursery Road Huntingdon.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Paediatric, skin, obstetrical, Gynaecological, and Dental out-patients clinics are held at Huntindon County Hospital and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to which General Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.

(e) Hospital Services

Fever cases of Infectious disease requiring hospital treatment were admitted to Isolation Hospitals at Cambridge, Peterborough or Ely.

General Hospital Services were provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

Maternity Cases were admitted to Primrose Lane Maternity Hospital, Huntingdon and to Mill Road Maternity Hospital, Cambridge.

ST NEOTS URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Public Health Inspector for 1964.

To the Medical Officer of Health

Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting an Annual Report for 1964 as a sequel to your own.

The main provisions of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 came into force during the year and I was authorised to carry out inspections and control on the Council's behalf. A report is included, although it was only found possible to inspect about a third of the registered premises before the end of the year.

From the 1st December new byelaws made by the Council for control of hairdressing establishments came into operation, and these should safeguard the interests not only of patrons, but of the majority of establishments which are hygienically maintained.

A new duty as Petroleum Officer under the Regulation Acts was assumed. Inspections and, where appropriate, testing of all existing installations were carried out. The requirements of the Model Code of Construction were applied to two new tanks installed during the year.

Throughout the year meat inspection has been conscientiously carried out by my assistant, Mr Anderson. While adherence to the letter of the new Regulations is difficult when through-put is rapid, we are generally satisfied with the standards attained.

I much appreciate the support I have received from the Chairman and members of the Council,and the help and advice you have yourself afforded.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

R A Ostler

R.A.OSTLER.
Public Health Inspector

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Visits and Inspections made during 1963.

Public Health Act.	
Houses inspected for nuisances (including revisits)	109
Verminous premises and revisits.	2
Sheds and moveable dwellings.	10
Atmospheric pollution.	22
Streams and watercourses	3
Keeping of animals	4
Offensive trades	-
Water Supply - including sampling.	26
Public Conveniences.	4
Licensed premises.	5
Shops	24
Schools	3
Drainage.	18
Swimming Pool	7
Insect Pests - destruction.	14
Housing Acts.	
Houses inspected - including revisits.	49
Miscellaneous housing visits	20
Overcrowding.	1
Rent Act.	
Inspections and revisits.	-
Factories Act.	
Factories and workplaces inspected.	18
Outworkers premises visited.	4
Offices, Shops etc. Act.	
Inspections and revisits.	108
Food and Drugs Act.	
Bakehouses.	6
Cakeshops and Confectioners.	4
Grocers.	16
Greengrocers and Fruiterers.	4
Fishmongers and Poulterers.	4

Food and Drugs Act (Cont'd)	
Fried Fish Shops	1
Food preparing premises.	8
Licensed premises and hotels.	10
Markets and stalls	61
Street Vendors.	4
Icecream premises - including sampling.	33
Restaurants and Cafes.	7
Dairies - including sampling.	15
Butchers.	6
Miscellaneous food inspection visits.	26
Meat Inspection - visits to abattoir.	248
Miscellaneous	
Pet Animals Act.	5
Noise Abatement.	7
Rodent Control.	26
Miscellaneous sanitary visits.	44
Interviews.	47
Petroleum Acts.	45
	1,078

LICENSES ISSUED.

Caravan Sites etc. Act, 1960

One site only, containing 40 caravans, is licensed under the Act.

Slaughter of Animals Act.

Slaughterman's Licenses (renewal)	6
" " (new)	1

Slaughterhouses Act, 1958

Private abattoir	1

Game Act, 1931

Game dealers	4

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Pet Shops	4

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Registrations for storage and sale of icecream, etc to date.	35
Registrations of milk distributors, to date.	5

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936

Storage of petroleum spirit.	23
Storage of petroleum mixtures.	3
Storage of carbide of calcium	3

Prior to licensing, six petroleum storage tanks, of age exceeding twenty years, were subjected to ullage tests. All were found satisfactory except one which gave a doubtful result and will be retested.

INFORMAL FOOD - SAMPLES.

The following samples were taken during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory in Cambridge:

Icecream.

Grade 1 - satisfactory	29
Grade II - Satisfactory	6
Grade III - Unsatisfactory	Nil
Grade IV - Unsatisfactory.	Nil

Water Ice.

9 samples were taken, all being satisfactory.

Milk

23 samples of pasteurised milk were taken from 2 dealers in the town and all were found to be satisfactory, although in four cases the methylene blue test could not be applied as the atmospheric shade temperature had been exceeded.

Cream

Of three samples of cream taken from two dairies, one sample from each dairy failed the methylene blue test, although shown to have been satisfactorily pasteurised. The cream had been transferred from bulk supply to cartons on the dealers' own premises, and some lack of care had apparently occurred in sterilising utensils used for this purpose.

Water.

A total of 27 samples of water were taken as follows:

From town mains.	18 } see below.
From swimming pool	7 }
From river at point used by bathers.	1 Gross pollution -unsafe.
From shallow well.	1 satisfactory.

Mains Supply.

Thirteen samples were satisfactory in all respects. However, sampling had included houses where complaints had been made during the summer months of bad taste and odour in the water, and of these samples it is significant to observe that five showed the presence in each case of 2 coliform organisms in 100 ml. Following an approach to the Water Board, affected mains were thoroughly flushed, with

apparently beneficial effect. It is believed that complaints w... due to scouring of deposits in the mains, due to increased demand.

Swimming Pool

Five samples were entirely satisfactory, but two showed the presence of 1 and 2 coliform organisms respectively in 100 ml. These coincided with a temporary malfunctioning of the chlorinating apparatus which was quickly repaired.

MEAT INSPECTION

One hundred per cent inspection in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations was maintained throughout the year at the only abattoir in the district. A full-time Inspector was in attendance during almost the entire period of slaughtering hours. Inspections have been made by Officials of the Ministry of Agriculture with whom certain difficulties have been fully discussed.

The following table shows the number of animals killed and inspected during 1964, the comparative figures for 1963 being shown in brackets:-

Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
2,804	16	59	17,007	25,516	45,402
(2,967)	(54)	(32)	(19,944)	(25,785)	(48,783)

The total number of animals shows a reduction of nearly 7.5% on 1963 figures, and over 11% on the record total achieved in 1962.

Animals affected by disease or injury, and condemnations.

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs.
All diseases except tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned	4	2	1	13	44
Part or organ condemned.	567	2	3	759	4,497
Percentage affected.	20.4%	25%	6.8%	4.5%	17.7%
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Part or organ condemned	-	-	-	-	172
Percentage affected.	-	-	-	-	0.67%
Cysticercosis					
Part or organ condemned	8	-	Not applicable		
Carcase treated by refrigeration	2	-			
Generalised and condemned	-	-			

REASONS FOR CONDEMNATION

The following are the reasons for the seizure of whole carcases shown in the table above:

Cattle — Generalised oedema (1), Septic pneumonia with emaciation (1) Oedema and emaciation (1), Moribund and fevered (1).

Cows. — Milk fever with malodour (1), Johne's disease with emaciation (1).

Calf. — Septicaemia (1)

Sheep. — Emaciation with oedema (1), Septic metritis (1), Generalised oedema (1), Moribund and ill-bled (1)

Pigs. — Multiple abscesses (11), Gangrene (7), Hydraemia (4), Moribund and ill-bled (3), septic peritonitis (4), Oedema and malodour (2), fractures or severe bruising (4), Septicaemia (2), Emaciation with oedema (3), ill-bled (1), Emaciation with bruising (1), Toxaemia and anaemia (1), Generalised oedema (1).

WEIGHTS OF MEAT CONDEMNED.

	Tons	Cwt	Qr.	Lb.
Offal	7	11	2	27
Beef	1	11	1	27
Veal	-	1	-	10
Mutton	-	6	1	2
Pork	5	11	-	1
	15	1	2	11

OTHER UNSOUND FOODS SURRENDERED FOR DISPOSAL

	Weight (lbs)
Meat at retail shops	1,743
Cooked meat and meat products	29
Canned meats.	80
Fish (canned)	10
Carried F/d	1,862

Other unsound foods surrendered for disposal (Cont'd)

	Weight (lbs)
Brought F/d	1,862
Fruit and vegetables (canned)	840
Other foods.	1,164
	3,866 lbs.

In addition, 1,150 miscellaneous packets of frozen foods of unrecorded weight were accepted for disposal owing to refrigeration failure. It was possible to deliver part of these to a hospital and Old Persons' Home for immediate consumption.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955 - FOOD OFFENCES AND PROSECUTIONS.

Section 2.

Three complaints were received of foreigh bodies in food.

The first was of a vegetable substance similar to a catkin adherent to the inner surface of a bottle of milk. The producer was warned to exercise stricter supervision, but no proceedings were taken.

The second and third cases were of insects found in food supplied by a local cake shop but prepared outside the district. A loaf of bread contained a portion of a moth and had a fly adherent to its surface, and a meat pie bore a fly adherent to the glaze.

A visit to the bakehouse concerned showed that reliance for protection against insects had been placed in insecticidal vaporisers, and little or no attempt had been made to guard against their entry to the bakehouse. In consequence dead and dying insects had fallen on to food being prepared for sale.

On prosecution, the Manufacturer was fined £5. for each of the two offences.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Very poor standards were found to prevail among itinerant food vendors stationed in the Market Square. As repeated warnings to comply with the Regulations had little effect, information was laid for prosecution against one proprietor and his assistant.

Contraventions were alleged in respect of unsuitable equipment, exposure of food to risk of contamination, failure to display name and address conspicuously, insufficient lighting of stall, absence of screening to stall, absence of any supply of water or other facilities for washing utensils or for personal cleanliness.

Fines totalling £44 were imposed for the above contraventions, and the successful prosecution has been found to have a salutory affect upon the practice of similar vendors.

FOOD PREMISES IN DISTRICT.

Sweets and confectionery	5
General Stores.	25
Fishmongers.	2
Dairies.	2
Butchers.	10
Bakers.	3
Bread and cake shops	3
Hotels	6
Cafes and restaurants.	5
Fish friers.	1
Mobile fish friers' premises.	1
Licensed premises.	33
Greengrocers	6
Pie manufacturers.	1
Manufacturers of frozen foods.	1
Maltsters	1
Flour Mill	1
Works and School canteens	11

Factories on register.

With mechanical power	54
Workplaces.	8

Outworkers.

Assembly and painting of plastic toys	20
Leather work	15

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Towards the end of the period appointed for registration (May - July) it was found necessary to send a reminder to employers likely to be affected in the form of a circular explanatory letter. A good response resulted, and virtually all such premises were registered by the end of July.

Later in the year, circular letters were sent to registered employers giving details of the First Aid Order, 1964.

A. Registration and General Inspections.

Class of Premises	No of premises registered during year	No of registered premises at end of year	No of premises receiving general inspection during the year.
Offices.	31	30	12
Retail shops	81	78	30
Wholesale shops, warehouses.	3	3	-
Catering establishments, canteens.	11	11	4
Fuel storage depots	1	1	-
	127	123	46

B. Total number of visits of all kinds made. 108

C. Analysis of contraventions found.

Contraventions in respect of:

Sec. 4.	Cleanliness	- 2	Sec. 8.	Lighting	- 26
Sec. 5.	Overcrowding	- 2	Sec. 9.	Sanitary conveniences	- 8
Sec. 6.	Temperature	- 22	Sec.10.	Washing facilities	- 16
Sec. 7.	Ventilation	- 9			

C. Analysis of contraventions found (Cont'd)

Contraventions in respect of:

Sec. 11.	Supply of drinking water	-
Sec.12.	Accommodation for clothing	- 1
Sec. 13.	Sitting facilities	- -
Sec. 14.	Seats for sedentary workers.	- 2
Sec. 15.	Eating facilities	- -
Sec. 16.	Floors, passages and stairs.	- 8
Sec. 17.	Fencing of exposed machinery	-14
Sec. 18.	Protection of young persons (machinery)	- -
Sec. 23.	Prohibition of heavy work	- -
Sec. 24	First Aid provision	-18
	Total	128

D. Exemptions. No applications for exemptions were received.

E. Prosecutions. No prosecutions were instituted.

F. Accidents. One accident only was reported during the year. This was a leg injury caused by a fall from a slippery serving platform, and action was taken to provide a suitable non-slip surface.

HOUSING.

A. Repair - Housing and Public Health Acts.

1. Total number of houses repaired following informal action — 15

Sections 9, 10 and 16. Housing Act, 1957.

2. No. of notices served - Informal - Nil. Formal 4

3. No. of houses rendered fit after services of notices - Nil

Public Health Acts.

4. No of notices served - 21. Informal - 14. Formal - 7.

5. No. of houses repaired after service of notices. — 15

B. Beyond Repair - Housing Act, 1957

1. No of undertakings accepted (Sec. 16)	2
2. No of Closing Orders made (Sec. 17)	3
3. No of demolition orders made (Sec. 17)	1
4. No of houses demolished.	7
5. No of Closing Orders (Sec, 18)	Nil
6. No of Closing Orders determined (Sec. 18)	Nil

C. Clearance Areas.

1. Represented during the year.	Nil
2. Action taken during the year.	
Houses demolished (a) Unfit	6
(b) Others	Nil
Number displaced (a) individuals	25
(b) families.	7

Housing (Cont'd)

D. Improvement Grants (information supplied by Engineer and Surveyor)

(1) Standard Grants.

1.	No of applications approved	(a) owner occupiers	5
		(b) tenanted houses	Nil
2.	Applications refused.		Nil
3.	Amount paid in grants.		£507.10.0.
4.	Average grant per house.		£101.10.0.
5.	Amenities provided	(a) fixed bath 5	
		(b) washhand basin 5	
		(c) hot water supply 5	
		(d) W.C. (within dwelling) 4	

(2) Discretionary Grants.

No applications were made during the year.

E. Housing Act, 1964 Improvement.

The Council took no decision to declare areas for improvement during the year, and no representations were made by individual tenants.

F. Rent Act, 1957.

No applications were made for Certificates of Disrepair, or for cancellation of certificates remaining in force.

G. Houses in Multiple Occupation.

There are no known houses of this category within the district.

RODENT CONTROL

The following include visits made by both the Public Health Inspector and the Rodent operative:-

	L.A.	Dwelling Houses	Business and others	Agricultural	Total
Inspections and re-inspections.	12	250	97	5	364
Major rat infestations	1	-	-	-	1
Minor rat infestations	8	91	24	3	126
Mice infestations	1	13	9	-	23
Notices served (Sec 4)	-	-	-	-	-